

## **Vocabulary**

Overshadow appear much more prominent or important than

Died Down become less loud or strong

Whisked Away brush with a sweeping movement, take with a sudden motion

Uphill task difficult task

Incarceration imprison or confine

Rein in restrain

Penchant an inclination or liking

Subvert over turn, overthrow, up set

Speak out speak loudly or freely, give one's opinion

Abhorrent (of conduct) inspiring disgust, repugnant

Insidious proceeding or processing inconspicuously but harmfully

Egregious outstandingly bad, shocking

Entourage a group of people attending or surrounding an important person

Cordoned off enclose or separate with a cordon of police.

Ignominious causing or deserving ignominy, humiliating

Spurned treat with contempt

Deplore feel or express strong disapproval of

Haunt frequent or be persistently in

Spearhead an individual or group chosen to lead a thrust

Miscreants a wretch (an unfortunate or pitiable person)

Dereliction neglect, failure to carry out one's obligations

Excerpts □a short extract from a book, film, piece of music etc. □

At a person's beck & call □having constantly to obey a person's orders □

Hoopla a game in which rings are thrown in an attempt to encircle one of various prizes

Impinge make an impact, have an effect

Wielded hold and use, exert or command

Intriguing use secret influence, arose the curiosity of  
Carnage great slaughter, esp. of human being in battle  
Mayhem violent or damaging action, disruption, chaos

Over-emphasized excessive emphasis

Repercussions an indirect effect or reaction following an event or action

Deflect bend or turn aside from a straight course or intended purpose

Preempt forestall, acquire or appropriate in advance

Banana republic a small state esp. in central America, Economically dependant on usu. one trade such as banana growing and therefore dependant on foreign capital

Beat about the bush discuss a matter without coming to the point

Beat the clock complete a task within a stated time

Beat the drum for publicize, promote

Brought to bed delivered of a child

Make one's bed and lie in it accept the consequences of one's acts

Welfare state a system whereby the state undertakes to protect the health and well-being of its citizens, esp. those in financial or social need by means of grants, pensions etc.

Fend for look after,

Trickle down flow or cause to flow or a small stream, come or go slowly or gradually

Yawning (as a reflex) open the mouth wide and in hale esp. when sleepy or bored, gape, be wide open

Pillar to post from one place to another, to and fro

Peril serious and immediate danger

Throw away the baby  
with the bath water reject the essential with the inessential

Throw dust in a person's eyes mislead a person by misrepresentation or distraction

Throw oneself into engage vigorously in

Throw oneself on rely completely on, attack

A cut above noticeably superior to

Cut and thrust a lively interchange of argument etc.

Cut both ways have both good and bad effects

Cut one's coat according adapt expenditure to resources  
to one's cloth

cut it out stop doing that  
Cut loose begin to act freely

Bete noire a person or thing one particularly dislikes or fears

Rife of common occurrence, widespread

Exile expulsion or the state of being expelled, from one's native land or native town etc.,  
long absence abroad esp. enforced

Flagrant glaring, notorious, scandalous

All along all the time

Advert to refer in speaking or writing

Unequivocally not ambiguous, plain, unmistakable

Dockets a document or label listing goods delivered or the contents of package. a list of  
causes for trial or persons having causes pending

Austerity moral severity

Deficit the amount by which a thing is too small. An excess of liabilities over assets in a  
given period

All and sundry every one

Transition a passing or change from one place, state, condition to another

Infirmity weakness

Attend to focus one's attention, deal with

Ad hominem relating to or associated with a person. (Of an argument) appealing to the  
emotions and not to reason.

All but very nearly

All the same nevertheless, in spite of this

Fidus achates A faithful friend, a devoted follower

Truncated cut the top or the end from

Demise death (Law) conveyance or transfer by demising, convey or grant (an estate) by will or lease, transmit ( a title ) by death.

Delude deceive or mislead

Astray in or into error or sin, out of the right way

Rather (+ than) by preference, for choice, more truly, as a more likely alternative, more precisely, slightly, to some extent.

Endow bequeath or give a permanent income to.  
(+ with) invest or provide with a talent, ability etc.

To play fast and loose to behave dishonestly or in a deceitful manner  
Redundancy not needful, that can be omitted without any loss of significance

Annihilated completely destroyed, make insignificant or powerless

Ludicrous absurd or ridiculous,

Lead by the nose cajole (persuade by flattery) (a person) into compliance

Electrocute kill by electricity, cause the death of by electric shock

Stratify arrange in a hierarchal way

Ethnic having a common national or cultural tradition, denoting origin by birth or descent rather than nationality

Chasm a wide difference of feeling, a gulf

Jostle push against, push ( a person) abruptly or roughly

Denounce accuse publicly, condemn, inform against, give notice of termination of  
Predicament a difficult unpleasant or embarrassing situation

Diversified spread over several enterprises

Augment make or become greater, increase

Approbation approval, consent

Delicate fine in texture or structure , of intricate or exquisite quality or workmanship, ( of color) not bright , (of a person ) easily injured, avoiding the vulgar or offensive, ( of a situation)tricky

Absurd (of an idea) wildly unreasonable, illogical , inappropriate  
(of a person) unreasonable or ridiculous in manner

Subtle evasive, hard to grasp , ( of color) faint, delicate, capable of making fine distinctions

, perceptive, acute

Compassion inclining one to help or be merciful

Anxiety the state of being anxious, concern about an imminent danger  
Rid of make free from something unwanted

Forbearance patient, self-control, tolerance

Well-grounded having a good training in or knowledge of the ground work of a subject.  
Forethought care or provision for the future, deliberate intention

Bewildering utterly confused

Apt appropriate, suitable, having a tendency , likely, clever, quick to learn

Amusing cause to laugh or smile

Deep-mourning mourning expressed by wearing only black clothes

Deep-rooted firmly establish

Deep-seated ibid

Evoke inspire or draw forth (memories, feelings, a response )

Forth right direct and out spoken, straightforward

Counterclaim (law) a claim made by a defendant in suit, against plaintiff

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